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Dear Ms. Conray:

I am writing on behalf of WMLS to comment on the proposed changes to 45 CFR 1602 regarding the treatment of FOIA requests.

In particular, we urge the Corporation to adopt the provision that would provide notice to an applicant for LSC funds before release of information from the applicant's submission is released to a requester. As you are aware, applicant's often provide information to the Legal Services Corporation in this process that is confidential and would not be available under FOIA if requested directly from the applicant. This provision which allows notice to the submitter and the opportunity to raise those issues before such information is released is important to maintaining integrity and trust in the funder/grantee relationship.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

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